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Santa's Workshop in Wilberforce



Tammy and Cindy Vaughan of Wilberforce display their cloth dolls, animals and covered baskets

Fed Up With Special Olympics

By Stewart Smith

Andrew Pinck was angry as he telephoned the Cardiff Courier on Friday evening, January 19.

He had made all the arrangements to go to the Special Olympics Games in Victoria, B.C. - even cancelling other arrangements for the week-end

of January 20 and 21, and paying from his own pocket for a vehicle to transport his cross country ski equipment to the airport.

Then he was told, by officials of Region 12 of the Special Olympics, "You can't go."

He quotes some
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Bancroft OPP Serves New Area

Bancroft O.P.P.

As of January 1, 1996 the Bancroft O.P.P. have assumed the administrative and dispatch duties for the Apsley O.P.P.

We would like to remind the residents of the Apsley O.P.P. patrol area to contact the Belleville O.P.P. Communications Unit at 1-800-267-7444 when reporting an occurrence.

We would also like to encourage the residents of the area to participate in the CrimeStoppers program. If you have information regarding a crime you can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-267-4357. This is a toll free call and you do not have to identify yourself and you may be eligible for a cash reward.

by Ann W. Smith

Santa's Workshop on Saturday December 9 was the second Christmas Craft sale of the year at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce.

This is the 3rd year for Santa's Workshop which is organized by Lynn Huffman, with assistance from her husband Rick who serves the snacks available from the kitchen.

The Minor Hockey Association uses the lounge for selling used clo-

thing, toys and baked goods which are donated. They also had a table in the main hall with used books.

There were 46 tables in the main hall being used by organizations such as the Wilberforce Heritage Guild and the Red Cross as well as private vendors.

The private vendors included Ron Hughes and his wife selling the wooden toys made at their Rocking

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Robbie Burns Day

By Stewart Smith

In this year, the 200th anniversary year of his death, Scottish poet Robbie Burns was honoured with a Robbie Burns night, in Bancroft Legion Hall, on Saturday, January 20.

The event was sponsored by the Bancroft Branch 181 of the Royal Canadian Legion,

and organized by Karan Martin, Jim Crawford, George Kerr, and others.

About 75 people gathered in the Legion Hall for a celebration which has happened rarely in Bancroft before.

Everyone felt Scottish that evening, even when drinking the toasts with Perrier

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Martin Building Wins Approvals

By Stewart Smith

"As of 1:30 today [Monday, January 15, 1996]" exulted Ken Sibbald, of Bancroft, "Council has approved all the applications."

He had just returned from a meeting of the Council of Dysart et al, in Haliburton Village. The proposals for the Martin Building, north of Harcourt, had been discussed at that meeting.

Then Council had passed the Official Plan Amend-

ment, and the Rezoning of parts of the property.

These were necessary before plans by "374997 Alberta Ltd." and outlined in the Courier of October 19, 1995, could proceed.

Now, adds Ken Sibbald, "Our plan is still mid-summer of this year [1996] to start work."

If there is an appeal from Dysart et al Council to the Ontario Municipal Board, these plans could be delayed.

Help Community Cupboard

By Stewart Smith

"We have a huge increase in demand," pleads Lois Caya, speaking for the Community Cupboard food bank in Bancroft. Therefore, "We need help."

"We're in desperate need of tinned goods," she points out. Any kind of tinned goods: tin-

ned meats, vegetables, beans, tinned stews - even tuna. It is urgent that donations of such foods reach the Community Cupboard quickly.

Such donations can be left at the Community Cupboard at its new location on 7 Station Street (beside

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New Year's at Harcourt Centre



The band CLOVER on stage at Harcourt Community Centre

By Stewart Smith
About 100 tickets had been pre-sold for the New Year's Eve celebration. By 10 p.m. on Sunday, December 31, 1995, some 60 people had arrived at the Harcourt Com-

munity Centre to see the old year out and the new year in.

They were enjoying an evening of dancing to the music of Clover, a band featuring the Doney family from

Bancroft.

The party was organized by the Harcourt Community Centre Board.

The next major event, adds Ross Covert, President of the Board, will be either a Valen-

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The Community Centre Board also sponsors Bingo, every Wednesday evening, at 7:30.

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We must Resolve, in 1996, to do something for our beloved Canada.

Last fall our country was torn apart by a referendum and debate about whether Quebec should separate. We were shocked to see how close the final vote was. Only by a few fractions of a percentage point did our nation stay together - this time.

I fear that thus by only the slimmest of margins did Canada avoid a Civil War. A post separation war could have been sparked many ways: over the apportioning of Canada's national debt; or over defining the boundaries of a sovereign Quebec. Or a war could have begun like the Oka Crisis [Golf Course War] and quickly escalated.

Following the present course, we will face all these crises again - and soon. What was put off this time might become a reality next time.

What can we do about it?

We dare not trust our politicians. One of the greatest obscenities of the Referendum was its assessment by how it helped or hurt this or that political career. Canada is too precious to be sacrificed for a personal power struggle. So is Quebec.

I don't know how we can do it. But we must bring more experienced and compassionate people on to the scene. Somehow we must have an entirely new Constituent Assembly. It must be elected from every part of Canada.

But instead of career politicians, it must be made up of Marriage Counsellors, and others Counsellors adept at resolving conflicts.

And here is another suggestion for Quebec. Following a British model, let Quebec establish its own Post Office system - distinct from the Canada Post Corporation.

Let Quebec then print and issue its own postage stamps - as do the Islands of Jersey, Guernsey, and Man, who are in association with Britain. So close to the world stamp collecting centres, Quebec - with imaginative and colourful stamps - could quickly gain international recognition.

And the sale of such stamps would even assist that distinctive society's budget, as well.

Flo Elliott Writes from Wilberforce**ADVENTURES IN SKATING**

Ice Skating is an art I was never able to master.

Being raised in the north, there was always plenty of ice around. And we had skates. Perhaps they had been passed down through all the older children, but they still worked. That is - they worked on everyone but me.

For some reason my feet didn't seem to understand skates. I never could seem to make them do what I wanted them to do. If I wanted to go east they would go west; and if I wanted to go in a straight line, they went just where they liked. It was so frustrating, because I really wanted to learn to skate with ease.

When I watch figure skating on television today, I always marvel at the control the skaters have over their feet. I can't imagine how they do it.

A long time ago I was determined to learn how to skate; and so I went often to the little group our son was in. It wasn't long before they could all glide up and down the rink as if they had been doing it all their lives, while I crept along the boards, landing on my backside every little way.

Finally, though, I became proficient enough to skate slowly around the rink without holding on to anything. I must have used my arms for balance,

because they would be flying around like windmills. But even at this I was quite happy at my progress.

Of course, when I wanted to stop, I had to plan carefully so as not to jam my face into the boards or trip some other skater, or - worst of all - fall on some poor little kid. I tried to go slower and slower until I could grab the boards as I went past. Most times I would almost pull my arms out of their sockets; But I would try to look as if this was where I meant to stop for some reason.

If I had a big strong arm to hold, I could skate just fine, even making the corners with ease. Before my husband and I were married we went skating a lot and it was just like having the Rock of Gibraltar to hold on to. However when I tried to skate alone, anything could happen.

My brother and sisters could all skate, and how I wished I could fly around doing figure eights and leaps and hops with ease, instead of being a threat to myself and everyone else on the ice.

Even if they were kind to say so, I think it was a relief to the family when I finally decided that skating was not for me, and, with no regrets, hung up my skates for good.

Boy! What a relief!!

LETTER: Thoughts on Ontario's Government

In September 1995 Mike Harris was asked about his plans to repeal the N.D.P.'s Labour law. He asked the interviewer, "What happened 200 years before Bill 40? We had pretty responsible relations between management and unions."

Source: Ottawa Citizen, Sept. 6, 1995.

Well, some of the things we did have 200 years ago hardly displayed good labour relations: slavery, children working down the mines, seven day work weeks, indentured servitude, company goon squads to enforce order - in fact all of the ingredients which produced the current system of health and safety

laws, the union movement, and government bodies like the W.C.B.

Education Minister John Snobolen has a way with words. Try this one for size. "We have to take into account the listening people have for failure." Later he clarified this by saying, "I might not have languaged it properly."

Transport Minister Al Palladini, after slashing funding for emergency patrols, declared, "Most people have a cellular phone in their car." I guess he meant most people that matter have cell phones in their cars.

Social Services

Minister David Tsoubouchi has apparently had sufficient taste of hoof in mouth. He has hired Jan Dymond, President of Zed Communications, as an image consultant, for \$25,000.

Mike Harris's claim to have lived on bologna in his younger days was apparently baloney. His first wife, Mary Alyce Coward, said she remembers dinners

at the Premier's parents' home. "It was just like going to the Royal York; they did really well. They never wanted for anything."

Nor were she and Mike poor when they were first married. Mike's father agreed his son was never hard up. "I don't suppose he ate that much bologna," he told a reporter.

- Paul Whittaker, Gilmour, Ont.

Ormsby Presbyterian

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ness. Still the promise remains: sin and evil will be confronted; we shall be re-named "Christian."

He told of the betrothal and marriage customs of Mary's time, but also of the messages brought to both Mary and Joseph. "We [too] need to be listeners," Mr. Beals urged, "attentive to God's will."

What a tragedy if either Mary or Joseph had not listened, but had trusted to their own judgment.

But they did not. The Mount Zion Singers could

sing, Mary's Boy Child. How joyous! How relaxing! "And men will live for ever more Because of Christmas Day."

The Mount Zion Singers included Pat Donaldson, Irene Martin, Durward Trumble, Danny Phillips, and Leo Poulain.

The Christmas Eve service was followed by lunch in Limerick Community Centre.

Ormsby Presbyterian Church is preparing a recipe book. Any of our readers who would like to contribute can get recipe forms from Stewart or Ann Smith.

Agriculture Society Gives to Lloyd Watson Centre

The Monmouth Agricultural Society gave \$500 from the Wilberforce Fair to the Lloyd Watson Centre Renovation project. At the presentation are: Ted Deterling (LWC), Reeve Keith Tallman, Ken Sanderson (Ag. Soc), Rick Forget (LWC), Ken Noble (Ag. Soc), Flo Elliott (LWC)

Robbie Burns Night in Bancroft

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Roseanne Campbell, Jim Thomson, and Karan Martin, among Bancroft Pipes & Drums members at Robbie Burns night

water.

The haggis - various internal meats, and oats, in a sheep's stomach, was prepared by Karen Shouldice, of Bancroft. I had forgotten how delicious haggis really is. Thank you, Karen.

A generous dinner of roast beef, potato, turnip, baby carrots, and English trifle was served by the Legion L.A., whose President, Jean Rines, praises Jamie Paterson for doing much of the preparation.

The Bancroft Pipes and Drums, with Pipe Major George Kerr, took a prominent part in the

evening.

Jim Thomson, piper to H.M. the Queen Mother, and with the Toronto Scottish, addressed the haggis, and then stabbed it - viciously.

He also related the life of Robbie Burns, whose birthday on January 25, 1759 gives Scotland its unofficial national day.

William Watson, of Bancroft, sang a Burns love song, "My Love is like a Wild, Wild Rose." He also read, "My Heart's in the Highlands" from a Burns book owned by his brother, Jack. The reading was in memory of

Jack.

Other singers and reciters included Margaret Gaw, and Dianne Garbutt, both of Bancroft. Pianist was Bev Wylie.

The evening concluded with dancing to the music of DJ Wayne Kennedy.

Many people are hoping that such a Robbie Burns night will be an annual event in Bancroft.

I will add the wish that Bancroft and Wilberforce co-ordinate their efforts, holding their Robbie Burns nights on the two successive Saturdays closest to January 25, 1997.

New Year's at Harcourt Chapel

by Ann W. Smith

Several families gathered at the Harcourt Community Chapel on the evening of December 31, 1995 to see the old year out and be together to pray for a good year during 1996.

Charles Hughes was the MC, introducing performances of special music, mostly inspirational and some amusing, by the many talented members of the congregation and some visitors.

Clara Burt and Sandi Patenaude sang inspirational songs while being accompanied by Jon and David Hughes and Daniel Pothaar on keyboards and guitar. One song that was most appropriate for the occasion had the words "As We Gather May Your Spirit Work Within Us".

Violinist Bob McAuley played "He Hideth My Soul" as one of his contributions.

Jon, David and Tim Hughes played "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" on the piano, saxophone and trumpet. Later David and Jon played

their own rendition of "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" as a duet on the piano, "taking a liberty with Beethoven" as their father said in his introduction.

Rebekah Pothaar recited "The Destruction of Sennacherib", a poem based on the story in II Kings about the Assyrian's attack on Judah during Hezekiah's reign.

Harold Lewis' son David, daughter-in-law Lois and their children Ashley, Jennifer, Jonathan, Ian and Mark all entertained playing the piano and singing. Harold Lewis read

a poem that had been written by a man crippled with arthritis. Mr. Lewis invited anyone who wishes to be fed spiritually to come and join the congregation every Sunday. He believes that now that a new year is starting we can make a new start in life.

There was a great time of fellowship as everyone shared refreshments during a half hour break in the program of special music.

The program continued until the beginning of the New Year, ending with a video movie "Waiting for the Wind"

CALLING ALL WRITERS

Bancroft Writer's Guild is looking for short stories, artwork and poetry for its 4th publication.

"Random Reflections" magazine is due out in July of this year. Writers and artists of North Hastings County are invited to submit materi-

als to:

Peter Benner at R.R. 1, Maynooth, Ont. K0L 2S0 by April 5th.

Also join us at the Mill Cafe, Bancroft, on Sat. Feb. 3rd at 7:30 p.m. to surf the internet for literary gems, over coffee. New members welcome!

Tamarack to Hold Credit & Budgeting Clinic

Women! Need help budgeting, getting credit, or making other financial plans?

Come to Tamarack Women's Centre on Wed. Feb. 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for an informal question & answer period with Lianne Mercier from Quinte Credit Counseling in Belleville.

It's free & the coffee's on. Call 613-332-1878.

Frosty Frolics Plans

Frosty Frolics, sponsored by the Bancroft and District Chamber of Commerce, will be held this year from February 10 to February 18.

Many events of different kinds are planned for the 9 days. They include:

- * Cross Country Ski events at Silent Lake Park
- * Snowmobile Fun Ride, February 14
- * Indoor Skating in Bancroft Arena, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
- * The Peterborough Symphony Orchestra

February 15

- * Ontario Natural Luge Race on Feb. 17 and 18

- * "A Talent for Murder" Mystery Theatre, Village Playhouse, Feb. 16, 17, 18

- * Snowarama on Saturday, Feb. 16

- * The 14th Annual Sled Dog Races, on February 17, with associated events including a Craft Show in the Bancroft Legion Hall

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Dear Amy

Dear Amy,

My husband and I are Christians and have tried hard to establish a Christian home.

We have two children. Our daughter seems to be making wise choices. But our son, who is twenty years old, has chosen to go in the opposite direction. Let me quickly add that in many ways he is not your normal twenty year old as he has been extremely ill and has lost several years off his life.

Some time ago we discovered that he was smoking. Recently we found out that he is experimenting with drugs. And we are suspicious that he is dabbling in Occult Practices.

He is obnoxious. His room is a disgrace. And he continually wants to fight and argue. He is bringing things into our home which are against everything that we stand for.

I am disgusted and feel that I can hardly stand him. I never dreamed that one day I would be saying this to you. Please help us.

- Desperate

Dear Desperate:

You and your husband must be heart sick over the attitude of your son. The wise King Solomon in Proverbs said, "Happy is the man with a level headed son, - sad the mother of a rebel."

My first response is, "Pray, pray, pray."

Secondly, I would strongly suggest that you never convey to your son what you have just said in your letter. Try to keep separate the person from the person's actions. It is your son's wrong doing that you detest, not your son.

May I suggest that you say something like, "We love you so much that we are not going to stand idly by and watch you destroy your life."

Also, "You will not be allowed to bring these things into this home." He should be made to clean his room. The Scripture also states, "If a man does not work, neither should he eat." If he is disrupting your home too much, you might have to ask him to consider other living quarters. This, however, should be a last resort as asking him to live out there can be like throwing him to the wolves.

Do not be afraid to gather about you your trusted friends, asking them to pray that your son will be delivered from the evil which has overtaken him.

Do not give up. Mrs. Billy Graham also walked this road and wrote a book called, "Prodigals And Those Who Love Them."

My husband and I will pray for all of you as well.

- Amy

Do you want to discuss a problem with "Dear Amy"? Write to her: c/o Cardiff Courier, Box 99, Cardiff, Ontario. K0L 1M0.

LETS Bartering Explained at Tamarack

By Sheila Baverstock

On Wednesday November 29, Karen Richardson chaired a meeting of interested residents of Hastings County who gathered at Tamarack Women's Centre in Bancroft to learn about LETS.

This is an organization based on a system of bartering goods and services. But it is not part of the

underground economy.

The promised speakers from Peterborough did FAX information.

The system is based on what is known as "green dollars." The value of goods and services is negotiated between buyer and seller. A co-ordinator keeps track of each transaction; and one can build up a

credit of green dollars.

For example: should one person need some clerical work performed and I do this job, I will then have a credit which I can draw on to have someone do a job for me.

I will place a value on my service and I will factor this as part of my income. Should I draw my needed service

from a person running a business they will be required to charge any taxes which are applicable to an ordinary transaction where money would change hands.

A pamphlet is available from Revenue Canada with guidelines for such transactions.

Any legal goods or services can be bartered such as babysitting, cler-

ical, wood chopping, snowplowing, grass cutting, garden plants, house cleaning, carpentry, plumbing, etc.

This organization helps the person unemployed and/or on a limited income get needed goods and services. And as an added benefit they are able to keep their skills honed and develop new skills.

It also gives established businesses a labour pool to draw on in emergency situations.

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A speaker from Peterborough LETS, a very successful legal bartering system, will be at Tamarack Women's Centre on Sat. Feb. 10th at 10 a.m. to answer questions and to help us start a local chapter.

WRONGFUL DISMISSAL

By Stewart Smith

The Courier of November 23, 1995, carried the story of Wrongful Dismissal charges, laid against the North Hastings Children's Centre, by three former employees.

Lawyer William D. Watson, of Bancroft, who represented all three plaintiffs, has given us an update on these actions.

Two of the cases: *James Standish, & *Gillian Whittall have been settled out of court.

A term of the settlement is that the other terms of the settlement cannot be disclosed. Asked whether the terms are satisfactory, Mr. Watson replied, "When you have a settlement it's always satisfactory to everybody."

Angela Conlin's complaint against North Hastings Children's Centre and some of its leaders is still before the courts.

Valentine's Tea Party

Women!

Come to the Mad Hatter's party at 1 p.m. on Valentine's Day at Tamarack Women's Centre. It's a warm friendly place.

Bring a friend, "show & tell," wear a hat! Read the cards. Tea and dainties served. Cupid's sending a surprise special guest.

Santa's Workshop in Wilberforce

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Horse Toy Shop in Cardiff. Ron says that most wooden toys appeal more to boys than to girls. However, this year he has dolls cradles and a sewing machine with moving parts. He has ordered plans for more wooden toys that will interest girls.

Sandra Searle, also of Cardiff, had an attractive display of the Mary Kay Beauty products that she sells.

The Vaughan sisters, Tammy and Cindy of Wilberforce, were sell-

ing their hand made cloth animals and dolls. They also had coats for dogs, and skirts for Christmas trees.

There was a good variety of hand made items including hats, scarves and hair ties.

The Red Cross table had lovely, warm mitts, socks and baby clothes among other hand knitted and crocheted clothing.

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild was selling, at the bargain price of \$6:50, the famous Christmas Cake made by Linkert Country Bakery.

They had on display the wooden box full of fudge that they were raffling. The box is the kind in which fruit cake used to be sold. The draw was made at the Open House at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House on the following Monday.

Santa's Workshop was open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The snowy weather discouraged many people from driving very far that Saturday but those who did attend the sale were impressed by the variety and quality of crafts available.

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Dog Obedience Classes



Graduating Class with their people.
Photo by Raymond Woodcock

By Stewart Smith

Nine dogs, with their people, completed a Dog Obedience course at the Faraday Community Centre in late 1995.

The course was taught by Stephen Scott and Catherine Stewart, of ChiefStar Kennels, near Bancroft. It was the first time the couple has taught the course in this way. They have given private training lessons as well.

A second such course began last

Tuesday (January 23, 1996). It is being taught in the Cardiff Township # 2 Fire Hall, on Highway 28. There may still be room for more people and their dogs to enroll. For information, call 613-332-1562.

The courses follow the Dar Housen Method.

The first course began on October 17. Graduation was on December 4.

Taking the course were:

* Austin, with Sharon Windsor;

* Bear, with Jennifer Stewart;
* Frosty, with Peggy Boorman;
* Lady, with John Mumford;
* Pepper, with Ronald Hart;
* Rosie, with Bill Barnsworth;
* Rupert, with Kathy Smith;
* Tula, with Melanie Lord;
* Zak, with Diane Hollinger.

Highest Score in Testing was won by Frosty, with Peggy Boorman.

Most Improved Student was Zak, with Diane Hollinger.

Family Feud Bonspiel

By Ernie Hemphill

There weren't any Martins or Coys among the 48 curlers who showed up at the Monmouth Curling Club's Wilberforce rink. But that didn't detract from the keenness of competition at the club's annual Family Feud Bonspiel.

Skip Doug Nesbitt led Vice Colleen Ward, Second Jack Ward, and Lead Gerda Goverde (a novice curling in her first bonspiel) into the

overall winners' circle.

The Ed Morais rink - Vice Joanne Coumbs, Second Jennifer Coumbs, Lead Wilf Lepage - took overall second place honours.

Among the family-members-only rinks the Waugh foursome took another step toward establishing a family tradition as Skip John, Vice Angie, Second Gerry, and Lead George made it two in a row.

Second and third place honours among family entries

went to the Walsh and Carr rinks.

Spiel convenors Hilda Clark and Cathy Rogers and their crew of volunteers kept things as lively off the ice as on with a round-robin "Pictionary" contest.

The two-day 'spiel wound up with a Saturday evening banquet prepared by Chef Roberta Walsh and her crew of culinary craftspeople.

Community

Carol Service

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Sparks, Brownies and Girl Guides with their Leaders took part in the Service singing "Away in a Manger".

The Wilberforce Girl Guides told, in song and narrative, the story of the Little Drummer Boy and his humble gift of love to the Baby Jesus.

In the Prayers of the People Mr. McMahon remembered the unemployed with their shattered dreams, the lonely and the suffering. He prayed for those working for justice and peace, and that we might all live Christmas remembering that the light of God's Promise shines through the darkness.

The service ended with each person lighting a candle.

There was a good time of fellowship after the service as people stayed to share refreshments.

Snowmobile Accident

Bancroft O.P.P.

On the 6th of January a snowmobile accident was investigated on the Paudash Trail Blazers trail north of Apsley. One person was injured as a result of the collision between two snow vehicles.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, January 11 Due to a series of unfortunate circumstances - including the bitterly cold weather - this paper had to be cancelled.

Thursday, January 25 Annual Meeting of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Lloyd Watson Cewntre, Wilberforce.

Friday, January 26 7:30 p.m. Community Prayer Service at Bancroft Pentecostal Tabernacle, Highway 62 North, Bancroft.

Saturday, February 3 Deadline for Advertising in the next Cardiff Courier

Thursday, February 8 Distribution Day for the next Cardiff Courier.

Wednesday, February 14 Chamber of Commerce Snowmobile Fun Ride. Starts 9:30 a.m. at the Old Station, in Bancroft. No charge - valid trail permit required. Information: 613-332-1513.

Wednesday, February 14 Highland Grove Lunch. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Highland Grove Community Centre. Note the Wednesday.

Saturday, February 17 Frosty Frolics Sled Dog Races and Craft Show. Fun starts at 10 a.m. at the old Railway Station, Bancroft. Call 613-332-1513.

Tuesday, February 27 C.N.I.B. Vision Day: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Bancroft Legion Hall. "Open House" or C.N.I.B. clinic style day.

Are You Tired of belonging to a Secret Society? For only \$3.00 per insertion (\$4.00 if we must mail an invoice) your activities can be announced in "Mark Your Calendar." Then they will be a secret no longer.

Wilberforce Hockey Schedule

By Sue Clarkson

Please don't forget that Wilberforce Minor Hockey is hosting a AAA Minor Bantam hockey game on Friday, January 26 at 8:00 p.m. at the Monmouth Arena in Wilberforce. Ken Ablett, Dan Jordan and Greg Luck who live in Wilberforce, Minden and Haliburton respectively play for the Central Ontario Wolves who will take on the Whitby Wildcats. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. - be sure to be early.

Rocket home games on Saturday, January 27 start with the Mites at 12:30, followed by the Tykes at 1:45.

On Sunday, January 28 the Novice play at 2:30 followed by the PeeWees at 3:30 p.m.

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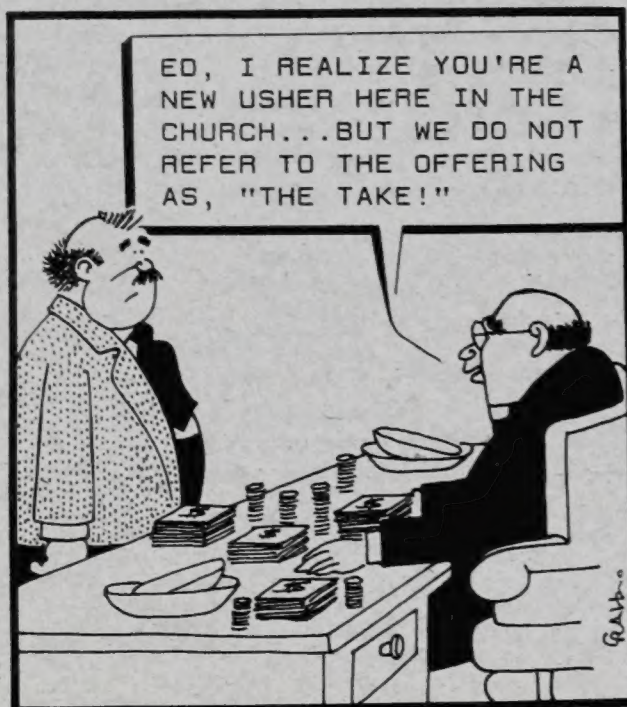
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MONMOUTH TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

By Stewart Smith

Monmouth Township Council met in Wilberforce on Monday, January 8, with all members present.

HIGHWAY 121

Councillors shared word about a proposed reconstruction project for Highway 121. The Township would like to sell gravel for the project.

In the future the Township would like to get out of the gravel business, and purchase gravel from others whenever necessary.

ARENA

Rick Huffman and Alan Ablett proposed that a row of benches be built in the heated snack bar room at the Monmouth Arena. Then people could sit to watch action on the ice; while others standing behind them could see over them.

The bench seats would be 12" wide, 10" off the floor, and with a 12" walking space in front. "They would have to be fastened to the floor." They would have a back, which would not serve as a seat. Rules would be posted.

The row of benches would be in three sections.

"We could build a small one first," the Minor Hockey leaders suggested. The Fred Agnew Memorial Fund would pay for the benches.

Council will ask Pepsi Cola to remove its pop machine from the same room in the Arena. Pop will be sold, instead, at the snack bar.

COST CUTTING

Provincial grants to Monmouth Township will be cut by 9 1/2 % overall, in 1996. There will be additional cuts in 1997. Council felt relatively relieved, in light of cuts of: 21-22% for Minden; and 18% for Glamorgan. Still, Monmouth must reduce its expenses by 10% this year.

Council reviewed a series of cost-cutting measures. "These cuts will look after this year - not next year," warned

Reeve Keith Tallman.

Unfortunately, the Courier has been asked not to print the list of proposed cuts, until an official letter has been received from the Reeve.

BUSINESS TAX

Council is concerned about some Business Taxes now a year or more in arrears.

Council announced that if such taxes are not paid after one year default, "Legal action will be taken."

AMALGAMATION

Councillors mused about proposed amalgamation or boundary re-drawing of some municipalities. A Haliburton County committee is studying this now, and will report back to Councils. Preference would be for new boundaries to be in place for the Municipal elections of November, 1997. Monmouth Council

members expressed feelings of closeness to Harcourt, which is presently part of Dysart et al [Haliburton Village].

FIRE DEPT

Council was informed that the Monmouth Fire Department now has 11 trained personnel. These have all completed a 35 hour First Response Course.

Andrew Pinck

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official as saying, "You're not an athlete." When he demanded at least compensation for the vehicle rental, he says he was told, "When Hell freezes over. That's when I'll give you money."

Andrew Pinck has been training for the Cross Country Ski event of Special Olympics for several years. His coach has been Ralph Baehre, a teacher at North Hastings High School.

One disappointment came late last winter when the Special Olympics organizers insisted on holding the late winter qualifying games in Kitchen-er, which was virtually free of

snow in the mild winter.

Next he was passed over for an event in Calgary because the Kitchen-er event did not work out.

The Courier has contacted a Special Olympics organizer in Trenton to confirm this. She has not replied (to us).

Now Andrew has been barred from going to the Victoria games - another qualifying event. This is despite being told by letter that he was going there.

Andrew Pinck is ready to consider leaving Special Olympics, and joining the alternative - and he believes, better organized - Ontario Winter Games.

Snowmobile Accident

Bancroft O.P.P.

On Saturday, January 13, Christopher LEEDER of Scarborough was driving a 1995 Polaris Indy 500 south on Paudash Trail Blazers' Trail "E" in Cardiff Township.

Keri-Ann KEOGHAN, of Oshawa, was driving a 1995 Ski Doo TLE north on the same trail and both vehicles met on a curve and at

the crest of a hill. The two snowmobiles collided. There were no injuries in the accident.

Happy New Year



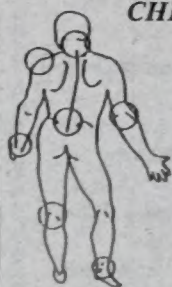
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New Year's at Wilberforce Legion

By Stewart Smith

Tickets had sold out early for the New Year's Eve celebrations at the Wilberforce Legion Hall.

On Sunday evening, December 31, 1995, 130 people came to the Hall to see the old year out and the new year in.

They enjoyed din-

ner, served by the Legion Executive.

Then they danced the old year away, to the music of D.J. Ken Steele.

The evening was organized by Bill Wright and his committee.

He thanks the members for coming to the dance; and he wishes them a Happy New Year.

Living With Less

By Diana Williams, S.I.R.C.H.

Imagine this: you are in the grocery store. Your tired three-year-old is sitting in the cart whining for some juice. The grocery list you made has disappeared. As you try to look through the flyer to see what's On Special your five year old starts screaming that he's hungry and wants a bag of chips. Meanwhile there's a man with a cart trying to get by you. So you grab a few items, take the kids, and head for the checkout. As you're driving home you realize you forgot the ground beef for dinner. Right now you just want to get home before you burst into tears.

Has this ever happened to you? It doesn't have to! There are some things you can do even before you leave the house that may help.

1. Go through flyers and plan meals around specials.
2. Make a grocery list and put it in your purse with the coupons right away!
3. Feed yourself and the kids before you go.

If you plan meals ahead of time you can check to make sure you have everything you will need. This saves you having to go back to the store for items you forgot. With your grocery list you can go right to the shelf where the items are, and not get sidetracked looking at foods you don't need. You spend less time and money in the store.

Even though you have coupons, always check to see if there's another brand that is even cheaper than the special.

And when you and the kids aren't tired or hungry you will be less likely to want all those treats on display.

If you want to save money on your food bills you have to be organized. This takes a little time and effort.

If you are on a low or fixed income, Parent Support Services at S.I.R.C.H. [Supportive Initiatives for Residents in the County of Haliburton] has information that may be helpful.

Diana Williams can meet with you individually to talk about how to lower your food, heat, and Hydro bills, and where to get used clothing and furniture. It's free and confidential.

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